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IN THE CLAIMS:

The following listing of claims replaces any earlier listing:

1. (currently amended) A sock, comprising:

a toe section for covering toes, said toe section being knitted into a flat tubular shape, said toe section including a sole section covering a bottom part of the toes and an instep section covering a top part of the toes, said sole section have a first end at a tip of the toes and a second end at a root of the toes,

a bulge section formed in a middle part of said sole section between said first end and said second end of said toe section, wherein when forming the bulge section, with the knitting location being held fixed, the knitting needles are gradually decreased, and thereafter, they are gradually increased, and

wherein said bulge section is formed such that it has an arc shape that protrudes vertically downward when the sock is not worn.

2. (previously presented) The sock of claim 1, wherein said bulge section is formed such that it gradually becomes thinner from a side of a large toe toward a side of a little toe.

3-5. (canceled)

6. (previously presented) The sock of claim 1, wherein said toe section is formed such that it is divided into a first insert section into which a large toe is inserted, and a second insert section into which other toes are inserted, and bulge sections are formed in both the first insert section and second insert section.

7. (previously presented) The sock of claim 1, wherein said toe section is formed such that it is divided into five insert sections for each individual toes, and bulge sections are formed for each of the five insert sections.